

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 7th, 2013

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 7th day of October, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting and availability of the agenda were given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of October 7th, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the September 16th, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Brad Williams with Southwest Fertilizer met with the board regarding the County's winter propane needs. It was the consensus of the board to solicit quotes for 2013/2014 winter propane for the courthouse and county shops requesting that the quote be submitted as a "cents per gallon" discount off current market price.

Member Nichols moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,791.33
Capital Business Systems, copier lease -----	\$ 134.00
Capital Business Systems, printer lease -----	\$ 28.00
Linda Cook, mileage -----	\$ 127.69
Barry Corder, mileage/meals/reimb. supply-----	\$ 236.94
Cornhusker State Industries, supply -----	\$ 361.40
Cunningham & Assoc., anti-virus software -----	\$ 335.10
CVSOAN, dues -----	\$ 30.00
D&S Hardware, repair -----	\$ 68.00
Farmers Coop, fuel/supply -----	\$ 1,727.57
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,311.29
Fastenal Industrial, new equipment -----	\$ 407.85
D. Eugene Garner, mileage/meals -----	\$ 95.25
Graham Tire, tires -----	\$ 578.92
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,179.94
Green Law Offices, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 659.72



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Hayes Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 42.20
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds -----	\$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 232.00
Paige Jones, clerical -----	\$ 40.00
LaRue Dist., supply -----	\$ 256.13
Messersmith Water Treatment, same -----	\$ 21.20
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 2,000.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 126.46
Daniel D. Miller CPA, budget assist. -----	\$ 2,400.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,034.97

Darin Morgan, zoning admin. -----	\$ 545.05
Mousel, Brooks, Garner & Schneider, transcripts -----	\$ 10.00
NACO, regist. -----	\$ 360.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 313.17
Nebraska.gov, subscription -----	\$ 50.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 331.09
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 105.03
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 138.00
Red Willow Co. CDC, mental health board -----	\$ 360.00
Region 15 EMA, contract -----	\$ 14,500.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,027.41
Andrea Richards, meals/mileage -----	\$ 255.38
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 1,049.04
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 489.49
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 39.20
Splash Designs, supply -----	\$ 276.60
T&J Repair, service -----	\$ 38.50
Top Office Products, lease/supply/equipment -----	\$ 941.32
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate care -----	\$ 39.29
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.12
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 3,030.52
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 214.40
Ryan Wilcox, public defender -----	\$ 2,000.00
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 71.37

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 11,094.47
Brad's Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 3,451.00
C&K Dist., repair -----	\$ 81.47
Carquest Auto Parts, same -----	\$ 21.49
Farmers Coop, fuel/supply -----	\$ 13,677.81
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,213.25
Fastenal Industrial, tools -----	\$ 234.41
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 174.93
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 397.02
John Deere Financial, grader pmt. -----	\$ 8,039.40



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Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 6,785.98
League Builders Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 37.92
McCook National Bank, grader pmt. -----	\$ 8,459.67
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel -----	\$ 3,040.80
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 1,000.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co., motor grader -----	\$130,800.00
NE Dept. of Rev., Motor Fuels, tax -----	\$ 453.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 408.25
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 1,710.20
R&W Repair, repair/fuel -----	\$ 152.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,555.19
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 26.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply/tools -----	\$ 105.93
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 190.48
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 32.09
Village of Stratton, same -----	\$ 78.11
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 122.27
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 3.74
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 327.18
Western Tire Company, repair -----	\$ 3,026.35

INSTITUTIONS FUND:

Lutheran Family Services, budgeted funds -----	\$ 1,000.00
Region II Human Services, 2 nd Qtr. Assessment -----	\$ 2,190.68
Region II Services, same -----	\$ 1,185.00

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 1.87
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 465.48

NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

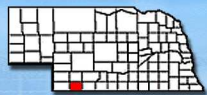
Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 1,275.20
CCC-Campus Accounts, regist. -----	\$ 120.00
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 408.99
Great Plains Comm., services -----	\$ 54.67
William Hagemann, mileage -----	\$ 110.18
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 49.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 189.13
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 13.08

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$.59
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 147.00

Member Nichols moved to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair in the amount of \$331.88 for repair/fuel in the Road Fund. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols and Wertz. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting and discussion was held on Resolution 13-16.



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Member McDonald offered Resolution #13-16 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-16

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, on September 3rd, 2013, the County entered into agreements to purchase of two new motor graders, to wit: a CAT 12M2 for \$114,561.00 (after trade in allowance) and a Deere 670GP for \$130,800.00 (after trade in allowance), for a total expenditure of \$245,361.00;

WHEREAS, the County Board investigated and considered financing option(s) for said expenditure(s), including without limitation interest rate(s) and terms; and

WHEREAS, the County Board, in acknowledging that the use of inheritance tax funds is crucial to the implementation of the budget and allows for reduction of property taxes and the purchase of capital assets and other necessary expenses/expenditures that may not otherwise due to limitations on restricted fund authority, determined that it is in the best interests of the County and its taxpayers to utilize available funds from the inheritance tax fund to pay for said motor graders rather than to finance the purchase thereof; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2013-2014 fiscal year as follows: \$240,000.00 for the purchase of said motor graders and \$385,431.18 for other operational expenses accordingly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of \$245,361.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County Road Fund for the purpose of paying for said motor graders upon delivery thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board shall include in future budgets such appropriations/tax requests as shall be necessary so that by July 31, 2018, the sum of \$245,361.00 so transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund shall be reimbursed/repaid from the Road Fund, said repayment to be in such installments and at such time(s) as the County Board may deem appropriate.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th Day of October, 2013.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None



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As General/Medical Assistance Eligibility worker, Clerk Pollmann presented a proposed “Pauper Mortuary Services Policy” for the boards’ consideration. Attorney Garner and Pollmann advised as to the current policy and reasons for proposed changes set forth in the new policy. Coroner issues were also discussed.

Motion by McDonald to adopt the Pauper Mortuary Services Policy for Hitchcock County, Nebraska and to rescind all former policies regarding pauper burials. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following member voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of the adopted policy is on file in the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk.

Adam Powers and Mark Wilcox with Wilcox Financial Services joined the meeting and discussion was held on health insurance quotes specifically prescription drugs benefits and self funding. The effects of national health care reform and association policies were also discussed. Extensive discussion was held on premium costs, offering employees the same benefits they currently have, and the benefits of implementing a wellness program.

Member Nichols moved to proceed with the insurance package proposed by Wilcox Financial Services to include medical, prescription drug, dental, vision and wellness plan benefits effective November 1st, 2013. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann updated the board on Global Harmonization System and Material Safety Data training requirements, and spraying activities within the County.

Dave Wilson representing W-Design met with the board and presented design plans for the sidewalk and parking lot replacement/repair improvement projects. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with bid letting on this project with bid opening November 4th, 2013 at 10:15 a.m.

Attorney Garner advised as to status of issues relating to the Department of Revenue, Property Tax Administrator billing for assessment function.

Board was in receipt of the quarterly bridge inspection reminder from NDOR. Discussion held on Responsible Charge Person duties for Federal Aid Projects.

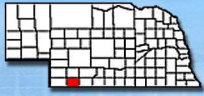
The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1.00 from Vonnage Tax Account for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund; \$1,899.94 from Phelps Co. for emergency management fees and \$95.31 from Central Crude for oil production, both credited to the General Fund.

The Sheriff’s 3rd quarter 2013 report was one file.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 21st, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk